

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A method of software distribution comprising:

5 a) demarking a subset of a plurality of files stored on a first hand held computer system to denote a demarked plurality of files; and

b) transferring information of said demarked plurality of files to a second hand held computer system.

10 2. The method as described in Claim 1 wherein said demarked plurality of files comprises executable program instructions.

3. The method as described in Claim 1 wherein said demarked plurality of files comprises non-executable information.

15 4. The method as described in Claim 1 wherein said information of said demarked plurality of files comprises a rating of said demarked plurality of files.

5. The method as described in Claim 1 wherein said information of said demarked plurality of files comprises titles of said demarked plurality of files.

20 6. The method as described in Claim 1 wherein said information of said demarked plurality of files comprises storage requirements of said demarked plurality of files.

7. The method as described in Claim 1 wherein said information of said demarked plurality of files comprises an alphanumeric summary of said demarked plurality of files.

5 8. The method as described in Claim 7 wherein said alphanumeric summary of said demarked plurality of files originates from a creator of a summarized file.

10 9. The method as described in Claim 1 wherein said information of said demarked plurality of files comprises a universal resource locator for said demarked plurality of files.

15 10. The method as described in Claim 1 wherein said information of said demarked plurality of files comprises an estimated transfer time for said demarked plurality of files.

11. The method as described in Claim 1 wherein said transferring is performed wirelessly.

20 12. The method as described in Claim 11 wherein said transferring is performed via infrared light signaling.

25 13. The method as described in Claim 11 wherein said transferring is performed automatically in response to a Bluetooth communication between said first hand held computer system and said second hand held computer system.

14. A method of software distribution comprising:

a) demarking a subset of a plurality of files stored on a first hand held computer system to denote a demarked plurality of files;

5 b) transferring information of said demarked plurality of files to a second hand held computer system;

c) on said second hand held computer system, selecting a selected list indicating at least one of said demarked plurality of files; and

10 d) responsive to said c), automatically transferring files indicated by said selected list to said second hand held computer system.

15 15. The method as described in Claim 14 wherein at least one of said files corresponding to said selected list transferred from said first hand held computer system to said second hand held computer system is a demonstration version of an application program.

16. The method as described in Claim 14 wherein said files transferred at d) corresponding to said selected list comprise executable program instructions.

20 17. The method as described in Claim 14 wherein said files transferred at d) corresponding to said selected list comprise non-executable information.

18. The method as described in Claim 14 wherein said transferring at b) and d) is performed wirelessly.

19. The method as described in Claim 14 wherein said transferring at b) and d) is performed via infrared light signaling.

20. The method as described in Claim 14 wherein said b) is performed automatically in response to a Bluetooth communication between said second hand held computer system and said first hand held computer system.

21. The method as described in Claim 14 wherein said transferring files indicated by said selected list is from said first hand held computer system to said second hand held computer system.

22. The method as described in Claim 14 wherein said transferring files indicated by said selected list is from another hand held computer system to said second hand held computer system.

23. A hand held computer system comprising:
a bus;
a processor coupled to said bus;
a wireless transceiver coupled to said bus for transferring information to other computer systems; and
a memory coupled to said bus, said memory comprising instructions which when executed implement a method of software distribution, said method comprising:
a) demarking a subset of a plurality of files stored on said hand held computer system to denote a demarked plurality of files; and

b) transferring information of said demarked plurality of files to another hand held computer system.

24. The hand held computer system as described in Claim 23 wherein
5 said demarked plurality of files comprise executable program instructions.

25. The hand held computer system as described in Claim 23 wherein
said demarked plurality of files comprise non-executable information.

10 26. The hand held computer system as described in Claim 23 wherein
said information of said demarked plurality of files comprises a rating of said
demarked plurality of files.

15 27. The hand held computer system as described in Claim 23 wherein
said information of said demarked plurality of files comprises titles of said
demarked plurality of files.

28. The hand held computer system as described in Claim 23 wherein
said information of said demarked plurality of files comprises storage
20 requirements of said demarked plurality of files.

29. The hand held computer system as described in Claim 23 wherein
said information of said demarked plurality of files comprises an alphanumerical
summary of said demarked plurality of files.

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30. The hand held computer system as described in Claim 29 wherein said alphanumerical summary of said demarked plurality of files originates from the creator of a summarized file.

5 31. The hand held computer system as described in Claim 23 wherein said information of said demarked plurality of files comprises a universal resource locator for said demarked plurality of files.

10 32. The hand held computer system as described in Claim 23 wherein said information of said demarked plurality of files comprises an estimated transfer time for said demarked plurality of files.

15 33. The hand held computer system as described in Claim 23 wherein said transferring is performed wirelessly.

34. The hand held computer system as described in Claim 33 wherein said transferring is performed via infrared light signaling.

20 35. The hand held computer system as described in Claim 33 wherein said transferring is performed automatically in response to a Bluetooth communication between said first hand held computer system and said second hand held computer system.

25 36. The hand held computer system as described in Claim 23 wherein said method further comprises:

in response to a selected list generated by said another hand held computer, automatically transferring files indicated by said selected list from said hand held computer system to said another hand held computer system.

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37. A method of distributing software comprising:

a) maintaining, within a first hand held computer system, a plurality of computer files, wherein each computer file has associated with it a respective summary information;

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b) within said first hand held computer system, demarking a subset of said plurality of computer files;

c) in response to a request, transferring summary information of said subset of files to a second hand held computer system; and d) in response to said first hand held computer system receiving a selected list of computer files, transferring computer files on said selected list to said second hand held computer system.

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38. A method as described in Claim 37 wherein said transferring of c) and d) are performed wirelessly between said first and second hand held computer systems.

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39. A method as described in Claim 38 wherein said transferring of c) and d) are performed wirelessly using infrared communication.

40. A method as described in Claim 38 wherein said transferring of c) and d) are performed wirelessly using Bluetooth communication.

41. A method as described in Claim 37 further comprising said second
5 hand held computer system generating said selected list in response to receiving said summary information of said subset of files as transferred in said c).

42. A method as described in Claim 37 wherein said summary information comprises:

10 an identification of a corresponding computer file; and
a description of said corresponding computer file.

43. A method as described in Claim 42 wherein said description
15 comprises a rating.